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What to do with a very big bog?



PHOTO BY T.A. LEBRUN

After the July 19 storm and a summer of heavy rains, a very large bog broke off and floated into Wahkon. The city is seeking a permit to remove the bog.

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A gargantuan bog has taken up residence in Wahkon at a beach named after a scantily clad bottom. The bog broke loose sometime

after the recent heavy rains which have caused high water levels on Mille Lacs Lake.

Residents have been perplexed about what to do with the bog, and the City of Wahkon is seeking a

permit from the DNR to remove the bog. City council met on Monday evening concerning the bog.

The DNR requires a permit for "moving or removing a bog of any size that is free-floating or

lodged in any area other than its place of origin in public waters," according to the DNR website. The DNR considers the ecological value of bogs when

Bog to 17

Isle man charged with vehicular homicide, admits to texting 42-year-old wife and mother killed in Baudette crash

by Northern Light Region
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approximately 5:48 p.m. on July 22 on Hwy. 172 north of Baudette.

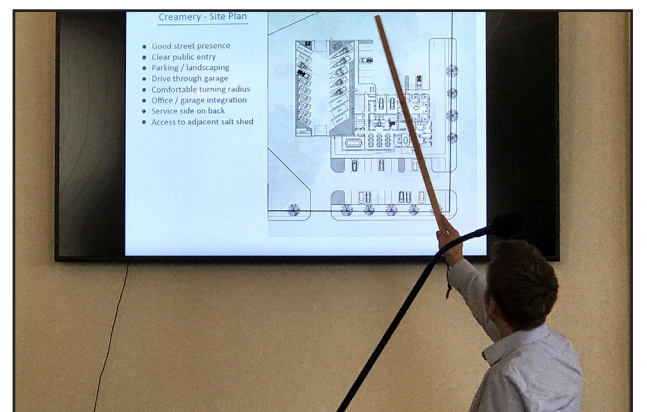
The driver of a pickup that crossed the center line and struck a vehicle Monday evening near Baudette, resulting in the death of 42-year-old Cynthia McDougall, has been charged with criminal vehicular homicide.

Kyle Alexander Neumiller, 23, whose address is listed as Isle, Minn., but had been residing in Baudette, was driving north in a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado when he veered into the other lane of traffic and collided with a 2016

The accident occurred at

Crash to 6

New northern law enforcement center under consideration by county



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Potential plans for a new northern law enforcement center were proposed and discussed at the July 16 Mille Lacs County board meeting. An architect from

Vetter Johnson brought forth preliminary plans for possible sites. The northern law enforcement center would serve as a northern headquarters for deputies,

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'Ditch Ducks' roosting near Hwy. 65

A ditch along Aitkin County's Hwy. 65 now hosts dozens of artificial ducks

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As Hwy. 65 travels northward through the eastern half of Aitkin County, it meanders its way through long stretches



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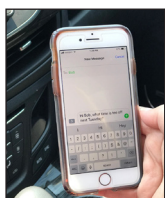
"Ditch Ducks" on Hwy. 65 were started by Joanne Ledin and Jeff Sutton.

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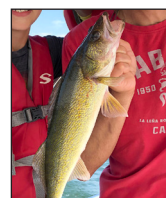
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